

## The Conning Tower

To a Lyre

Horace: Book I, Ode 32

"Ponitur, si quid vacat sub umbra—"

If ever, as I struck thy strings,  
I've sounded one enduring note,  
Let me, O Lyre, think up some things  
That folks will simply have to quote.

A Lesbian lyrist owned thee once;  
He used to sing a lot, he did,  
Of dames and demijohns and stunts  
Like that. He was the Tameful Kid.

Help me, mine ancient ukulele,  
Sing songs of sorrow and of joy,  
Such as, composed and printed daily,  
Will make the public yell, "Oh, boy!"

Our entrance into the war has brought about, as so many persons knew it would bring about, a great sympathy between us and the English. "We hope," says Punch, "it is not due to the distraction of war, but America seems to be losing her dash. At a baseball match in New York the other day only three of the spectators were injured." Our English allies already understand our sports, but they err a little in phraseology. Baseball tournament, old thing, not "match."

Every time, by the way, Punch wants to write something about Ireland, and can't think of anything, it compromises by spoofing us about Mexico. "It is thought probable," for example, "that Mexico will very shortly decide to declare peace on America."

### THE DIARY OF OUR OWN SAMUEL PEPPY

May 24—Up, and to the office, where all day at the fashioning of verses; and so occupied that I had no luncheon at all save some peanut brittle that W. Moore gave me. L. Sherwin the dramatick chronicler to see me, and we talked of this and that, and he told me how he loathed all labour, and I wondered whether there might be anybody who truly enjoyed this task of piling up words, one on the other, day after day. Home, where I found Mistress Beatrice Mahoney, a merry, bright girl, and full of mirth; but she out with me for being harsh with her, and, as she said, snapping at her, which I did not at all, but was gracious as I could be.

25—On an omnibus to the city, and near 53rd Street, a gust of wind took my hat off, and it blew into the street, and I got off, and picked it up, but the omnibus had gone, so I walked to my office, as I had no money soever. All afternoon at my stint, and home, late, and to-bed.

### FOOTLESS FURY

I could almost say, "Doggone it!"

If my habit were to cuss,

When my fairly new straw bonnet

Starts to blow right off the 'bun.

"Would it be all right," asks Pick, "to call the cause of R. Norris Williams' rejection a foot fault?" It might be, Pick, but there has been no rejection. Mr. Williams is at Plattsburg training, and having, as he writes, the t. of his l.

Vice-Admiral Sims will bear the honor of his new title well, it is certain. It is his second honor of the week, too. The Stateseepost says: "He is 59 years old and will be 58 next October."

### SWEET ARE THE USES OF ADVERTISEMENT

Sir: Whadyamean low score in personal production? Half an hour after Tuesday's Tribune was on the streets we got those two extra blankets, and to-night our company shored beneath one hundred and sixty of the ugliest quilts in Christendom. Now how about some butter and sugar at mess?

Don Juan.

The New York Tribune quoted, as from the Times, a review of Mr. Frank J. Wiltach's "Dictionary of Similes." The "review" appears to have been sent to it as a printed newspaper cutting by Mr. Wiltach himself. Its tone may be indicated by the sentence: "There is a coarseness about all Transatlantic humor; that we abhor." The book was never received or reviewed by the Times. Upon ascertaining this fact, the Tribune apologized to its readers and added that it had discovered a new simile: "As untrustworthy as a contribution by Frank Wiltach."—London Times.

Business of rubbing it in.

### SNAPPY WORK!!!!

From the subway advertisements of the current issue of "The Theatre". Douglas Fairbanks says: "I am ready to fight for my country!!!!"

Here's going Doug one better: I am ready to fight for my country!!!!

"Here's a pretty state of affairs!" a cablegram to the Times says Lord Beresford said. "We have actually been eating off German plates!" And many of the guests threw—crash! crash!—the plates on the floor. So now they sing, in England, "We use one plate, and one alone—Lowestoft!"

### HOUSEHOLD HINT

When the cost of living rises with terrible momentum,  
Just try the cheap banana (*musa sapientum*).

Brazil is about to get into the All-Comers' War. But there is no verge any longer. The Vergé was worn smooth by the United States of America.

### "A LINE FOR THE LIBERTY LOAN"

I am one of the poets that F. P. A. scorns,—  
I have the ideas, but I'm lazy,—  
My path to The Tower's been checkful of thorns,  
The atmosphere's chilly and hazy.

And to-day I am offered a chance to get by  
And I grasp it most dying-man-strawly.  
If a "line for the Liberty Loan" is my cry,  
Perhaps they will o'erlook my folly.

So a line for the Liberty Loan, I insist,  
Is my lien for a liberty line, to  
Impress on Ye Scribes with a right to be missed,  
That your way I have yearned to make mine, too.

NANCY WEST.

May we suggest to our contrib that as long as she continues to rhyme "strawly" with "folly" our scorn for her shall abate no whit?

Revise it to read, "Oh, say, can you see your way clear to taking a Liberty Bond?"

Or, possibly, "Oh, say, can you sign?"

Well, we have been fortunate enough to buy a copy of "Grimm Tales Made Gay," and it was far pleasanter yesterday afternoon to re-read them than it would have been to work. The stanza that most delighted us was one we'd forgotten all about:

She was so extremely fair  
That His Highness didn't care  
For the risk, and so he kissed her  
ere a single word he spoke.

In a jiffy maids and pages,  
Ushers, lackeys, squires, and sages,  
As fresh as if they'd been at least  
A week awake  
Awoke.

The President, in his quaint way, refers to the newspapers as the "public prints."

F. P. A.

## Red Cross Faces Greatest Task in History, Says Taft

U. S. Does Not Yet Realize  
Perils Before Us, He  
Declares

Pershing Urges Relief

Hoover and Davison Also  
Emphasize the Need for  
Prompt Action

Washington, May 25.—The colossal relief and rehabilitation task that confronts the American Red Cross, if the United States is to do its full part in the war, was detailed by a notable group of speakers to-day at a conference of men and women from forty cities who have volunteered to assist the society's war council.

Major General John J. Pershing, Herbert C. Hoover, Secretary Baker, William H. Taft and Henry P. Davison in turn told the volunteers that they must go to work expecting a long, hard task, but one which would stand out in history as the greatest philanthropic effort of the ages.

Mr. Taft paid a tribute to the War Secretary and to President Wilson, saying that the nation had begun the war rightly by creating a large army, and that this step was largely due to "the Secretary of War and the President of this Administration." He endorsed General Pershing's plea that everything be done to prepare the people for great sacrifices.

### Do Not Yet Realize Dangers

"We shall not realize what the war is," said the former President, "until those beloved with us have been exposed to the dreadful dangers, to the character of wounding that is so horrible under this modern system of warfare, until we all go to the front and study the names to see whether those near and dear to us have been taken for their country's sake."

"Then the war will come home to us. Then there will be nothing but war and everything else will be incidental. And the one thing for which we ought to be grateful is that we have a cause worthy of all the sacrifices that we can make."

While the conference was in session President Wilson designated the week of June 18 to 25 as Red Cross Week, "during which the people of the United States will be called upon to give generously and in a spirit of patriotism and devotion to the support and maintenance of this work of national need."

Mr. Davison, who at the President's request became chairman of the war council, declared the \$100,000 fund which is proposed to raise quickly would be only a beginning.

### Says We'll Electrify World

"Are the people of this country going to be satisfied," he asked, "with a Red Cross organization which will merely take care of our army here and abroad? Are we merely going to say, 'poor, broken Russia, here we are with our flag, when Russia has only 6,000 ambulances on a front of 1,000 miles? No; we will respond in a way that will electrify the world. The people of this country are not only going to supply that \$100,000,000, but they are going to supply a very great deal more."

Describing the pitiable condition of Northern France, Mr. Hoover said that there alone was room for a work of rehabilitation that would cost \$1,500,000,000. The duty of the United States in that field is clear, he declared, "for France is suffering her men on a pyre devoted to liberty and a pyre devoted to our protection."

A plea for France was also made by General Pershing, whose speech was interrupted frequently by cheers for the man who is to be the first to lead American troops to the relief of French soil. He also declared the United States was not warring for the sake of the war, but for the sake of the Red Cross and in bringing home a realization that the situation is one of "very grave seriousness."

Both General Pershing and Secretary Baker, speaking for the military arm of the nation, urged that donations to the Red Cross be stimulated as a part of the programme of national defence. The Secretary said his advice to every one would be "Give all you can."

**Dr. Harris Gives "Surf" For Hospital Ship**

The steam yacht Surf, equipped as a hospital ship for 125 patients, was presented to the Red Cross by Dr. John A. Harris, and will be used for the navy to-morrow in the Hudson River, off Seventy-ninth Street.

Announcement of the gift of the first ambulance ship was made yesterday by Harvey D. Gilson, of the Red Cross. The Surf has been under charter to C. K. G. Billings, Henry C. Phipps, George Eastman, Ogden Mills, T. L. Chadbourne, E. R. Thomas and Andrew Carnegie.

The captains of eight of the ten women's teams for the Red Cross national campaign for \$100,000,000, which will end in the city of June 17, were announced by Mrs. Mary Parsons, of 110 East Thirty-sixth Street. They are Mrs. E. H. Harriman, Mrs. Orme Wilson, Mrs. Miss Mabel Chouteau, Miss Mary Canfield, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. James A. Burden, Jr., Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Mrs. F. L. Slade, who will head the suffrage team.

Among the members are Mrs. Willard D. Straight, Mrs. Henry C. Frick, Mrs. Ogden Reid, Mrs. Charles T. Tamm, Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Mrs. Robert Bacon, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Elbert Gary, Mrs. George F. Baker, Jr., Mrs. James C. Carter, Mrs. John Henry Hammond and Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes.

A painting by the Spanish artist Villa Prades, showing a Red Cross nurse struck by a bullet while ministering to a wounded soldier, is a Red Cross exhibit in Aeolian Hall. After the war it will be placed in the Luxembourg Galleries.

**\$100,000 for Joffre Fund**

From Metropolitan Concert

Washington, May 25.—A check for \$100,000 was delivered to Ambassador Jusserand to-day by Frank A. Vanderlip, treasurer of the fund derived from the recent entertainment at the Metropolitan Opera House, under the auspices of Governor Whitman, for war sufferers in France.

The check is payable to Marshal Joffre, who will apply the fund in his discretion.

**U. S. Wants Jersey Land**

Washington, May 25.—A bill appropriating \$250,000 for purchase or condemnation of the Great Peace Meadow in New Jersey, thirty miles from New York City, for a camp site or rifle range, was passed to-day by the Senate. Secretary Baker wants to acquire the site immediately. The House has not acted.

## MRS. ANTHONY J. DREXEL



Wife of former Philadelphia banker, who has obtained a divorce decree in London.

## Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Wins Divorce Decree in English Court

Former Philadelphia Banker Offers No Defence to Statutory and Cruelty Charges—Husband's Wealth Had Gone to His Head, Says Wife's Counsel

London, May 25.—Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, wife of the former Philadelphia banker, obtained a decree of divorce to-day on statutory grounds and for cruelty. There was no defence. She had entered into a separation agreement in 1913, two years after she had established a residence in Philadelphia, with the intention of starting divorce action. At that time she was dissuaded by her children from prosecuting the action.

Counsel for Mrs. Drexel said that her husband's wealth had gone to his head, and that, after the death of their second daughter, in 1914, he abused and struck Mrs. Drexel, intimidating her at other times by shouting at her. Violent scenes occurred during their residence in Carlton House Terrace, it was asserted, and in the fall of 1915 Mr. Drexel's actions caused his wife to lock herself in her room.

Ever since Mrs. Drexel's trip to Philadelphia in 1911, which, she later acknowledged, was intended to be preliminary to a divorce suit, their family affairs have been frequently before the public.

Under the terms of the separation agreement, Mrs. Drexel was to receive \$50,000 annually. In August, 1915, the monthly payments ceased, and to compel her husband to resume them Mrs. Drexel had to file her domestic history in the Chancery Court here in the form of affidavits. Mr. Drexel at that time was in France, and asserted that the British courts had no jurisdiction over him.

Mrs. Drexel was Miss Margarita Armstrong, of Philadelphia. She was married in 1886, when she was eighteen years old. Mr. Drexel retired from the banking business in 1893, and since that time has spent most of his time abroad. They have four children, Anthony Joseph Drexel, Lady Maidstone, John Armstrong Drexel and Louis C. N. Drexel. Mr. Drexel's income from his father's estate is estimated at about \$300,000 a year.

It was Miss Barrymore's first appearance hereabouts since Mr. Drexel's death. She was the sole emcee of the screen in something more than a year. And even these performances, it is said, would not be given were it not that the profits will accrue to the fund for the interests of which Miss Barrymore is now doing her bit without remuneration.

Both "The Twelve-Pound Look" and Miss Barrymore's work therein have long been known, so it need only be added that the substitution of this playlet for the somewhat dreary "Old Friends" renders the programme at the Empire one of the most thoroughly entertaining to be found anywhere in town. In addition to Miss Barrymore's fine performance there is the work of Charles Dalton, the original Sir Harry Sims, who does everything possible for the oppressively successful and slightly overdrawn business. The new Lady Sims is played satisfactorily by Beatrice Terry, who is reported to be some sort of relation to the immortal Ellen.

"The New Word" and "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals" combine with "The Twelve-Pound Look" to make up the evening.

**Presbytery for Suffrage**

Church Conference Approves  
Votes for Women

Dallas, Tex., May 25.—By a large majority the Presbyterian Church in the United States to-day adopted a resolution declaring for woman's suffrage.

The resolution was introduced by Dr. John B. Rendall, of Chester, Penn., president of Lincoln University, and was passed by the General Assembly, in session here, after some debate.

A resolution was adopted pledging support to the Pickett Testament League, organized ten years ago by Dr. J. Wilber Chapman, moderator. It was announced that 250,000 Testaments will be distributed in the United States army and navy.

**"Her Child" at Irving Place**

"Her Child," which has been seen at various outlying theatres recently under the title of "Her Unborn Child," will begin an engagement Monday afternoon at Radloff Christian's Irving Place Theatre. Matinees will be given daily.

## Society

Miss Victorine Roe and F. N. Thomas Will Be Married To-day

One of the weddings hastened because of the war will be that of Miss Victorine Roe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Roe, to Francis N. Thomas, of Philadelphia, which will be celebrated to-day, instead of on June 23, as originally arranged, at the home of the bride's parents, 155 Amity Street, Flushing, Long Island. Mr. Thomas is expected to be called to the colors soon, and his best man, Robert Fenwick Roe, brother of the bride, is a member of the 1st Engineer Reserve Corps.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Hemphill, daughter of Mrs. David R. Hemphill, of Lansdowne, Penn., to Ralph B. Higgins, of this city, was celebrated yesterday at the Ritten House, Philadelphia. Mr. Higgins was graduated from Princeton in 1912, and is an architect, associated with his brother, Charles H. Higgins, at 165 Broadway.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Parker, of Bedford, Mass., to Joseph Holladay Philbin, son of Justice and Mrs. Eugene A. Philbin, of this city, will take place at noon to-day in St. Michael's Church, Bedford.

Miss Laura Delano will be married to James Lawrence Houghteling, of Chicago, who recently returned from Petrograd, where he was secretary to the United States Ambassador, to-day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic A. Delano, in Washington.

The first of three concerts arranged by residents of Tuxedo Park for war fundings in France will be given to-day by Mrs. J. Inesley Blair at her villa there. Mme. Povla Frijsh, Danish soprano, will sing.

The Sleepy Hollow Country Club will celebrate Memorial Day with the opening of a Garden Theatre, with a performance of the Pavlov-Oukrainsky Russian Ballet and the Little Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of George Barre.

**Tuxedo Park Colony To Hold War Benefit**

Tuxedo Park, May 25.—The first of the series of musicals given for the war fundings benefits under the executive committee, consisting of Miss Dorothy Kane, Mrs. Henry H. Rogers, Mrs. Anson Cook, Henry H. Rogers, Philip B. Wolf, will take place to-morrow night at the Tuxedo residence of Mrs. J. Inesley Blair. In addition to the Danish soprano, Mme. Povla Frijsh, the Metropolitan Opera House Orchestra, and the Trio De Luce will appear. A large attendance is expected.

Among the patronesses are Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. Fuller Cutting, Mrs. William Pearson Hamilton, Mrs. E. F. Harriman, Mrs. Cooper Hewitt, Mrs. William Averell Harriman, Miss Eleanor Hewitt, Miss Sarah Hewitt, Mrs. Grenville Kane, Mrs. Henry P. Loomis, Mrs. G. C. Jones, Mrs. John Dyreus, Prince and Mrs. Rodman Wamaker.

**Suffrage War Sale Will Be Continued**

Patrons Can Dance and Buy at Castle House

The suffrage rummage sale de luxe will be continued next week in the Castle School of Dancing, at 24 East Forty-sixth Street. To be served every day along with the bargains from the hand jewelry and costume sale from the home of wealthy suffragists. Mrs. John Corbin, owner of Castle House, has donated the use of the rooms to the suffragists for the remainder of the sale.

The store at 17 East Fifty-fifth Street will be used hereafter as headquarters for the war service of the Suffrage party.

**Portuguese Bank Government**

Lisbon, May 25.—Normal conditions will be established in the city. Parliament has voted confidence in the government, by 66 to 18. The vote was taken after a debate concerning the troubles of May 20.

## Bernhardt to Leave Hospital To-morrow

Actress's Recovery Amazes Her Physicians; Will Take Daily Auto Trips

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, reported several times as being in almost a hopeless condition from an operation performed on April 17, will leave Mount Sinai Hospital to-morrow as cured. Her recovery has amazed her doctors.

Mme. Bernhardt probably will go to a New York hotel. An automobile trip last week to Baywater, near the Rockaways, resulted in the disapproval of the cottage picked by her personal staff to be occupied for the summer. She will take automobile trips daily through Westchester County and Long Island until she settles on a place to her liking.

Dr. Felix Marot, Dr. Leo Burger, who assisted at the operation and who has been in constant attendance at the hospital, will visit Mme. Bernhardt daily. There will also be a nurse and an attendant, and she will be accompanied by her personal staff.

**Strike of Women In Paris Extends To All Trades**

4,000 Girl Bank Clerks Plan to Join in Demand for More Pay

Paris, May 25.—The women's strike is extending gradually from the clothing trade to all occupations in which women are employed. Four thousand bank clerks, most of them women, met this morning at the Labor Exchange to plan a campaign for higher wages.

Most of them are now earning three francs a day. Branches of the principal banks of Paris were closed for a short time in consequence of this meeting, but not as a measure of resistance to the strikers' demands. It is generally understood these women deserve higher pay, and will receive it, as well as women employed in various clerical and manufacturing plants. It remains only for their delegates to confer with representatives of the employers.

Police guards were increased largely during the morning as a precautionary measure. There have been no disturbances thus far. One of the chief banks, the women employees of which were on strike to-day, granted them an increase in pay of one franc a day, dating from January 1 last, thus terminating the trouble in that establishment.

Partial satisfaction was given to-day to the women strikers in various novelty trades by the adoption by the employers of a resolution to pay them one franc extra a day on all wages of less than 300 francs a month for the period of the war.

**Guthrie's Body Home**

Japanese Warship Arrives with Coffin of Ambassador

San Francisco, May 25.—The body of George W. Guthrie, Ambassador to Japan, was brought here to-day on a Japanese warship. The coffin, banked with flowers, was borne on a caisson, and an automobile heaped with wreaths followed.

Japanese sailors marched in the procession with several thousand American troops.

The body was taken to Oakland whence it was shipped to Pittsburgh.

**Death Chair at Sing Sing**

Hidden from Curious Visitors to Sing Sing will be barred from seeing the death chair, under a new order issued yesterday.

Fred Dornier, principal keeper, is made custodian of the chair, and has received orders that no one is to be allowed to look at it without a special permit from Warden Moyer.

**ASTOR Theatre, 45th St., 8th Ave. 8:15**

**HIS LITTLE WIDOWS**

Up-To-The-Minute Musical Comedy.

**SEE THE 13th CHAIR**

48th St. W. 4th Ave. 8:15

**WASH. ST. PLAYERS**

COMEDY 110 W. 4th St. 8:15

**THE MAN WHO CAME BACK**

Playhouse West 48th St.

**NEW BLUO 45th St. 8th Ave. 8:15**

**THE KNIFE**

**LONGACRE 46th St. 8th Ave. 8:15**

**W. COLLIER 46th St. 8th Ave. 8:15**

**NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH**

**MOROSCO 46th St. 8th Ave. 8:15**

**THE BRAT**

**CRITERION 46th St. 8th Ave. 8:15**

**TWICE DAILY**

**CHRISTUS**

**THE SUBMARINE EYE**

**TRIP THRU CHINA**

**LUNA**

## Tribune Justifies In \$1,000,000 Gimbel Suit

Avers Truth of Every Charge in "Answer" to Libel Action

Pleading Is Filed

Details of Allegations of Gimbel's "Misdeeds" in Sunday Tribune To-morrow

Gimbel Brothers recently brought a libel suit for \$1,000,000 damages against The Tribune Association and individual defendants, based upon an article written by Samuel Hopkins Adams and published in The Tribune on October 22, 1916. The individual defendants named in the action were Ogden M. Reid, editor of The Tribune and president of The Tribune Association; Richard H. Walder, its secretary and associate general manager; G. Vernon Rogers, its vice-president and general manager, and Samuel Hopkins Adams, the author of the article. Sackett, Chapman & Stevens, attorneys for The Tribune and all of the other defendants, yesterday served the defendants' answer upon Rose & Paskus, attorneys for the plaintiff, and filed it in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

The article sued upon had headings as follows: "Gimbel's Advertising Claims Prove False—Their 'Birthdays' the Last Link in the Chain of Evidence—A Whole Series of Misrepresentations—Value of a System of Mathematics Peculiar to Gimbel's—After Repeated Warnings They Show Their Ineptitude at Reformation, and So They Go Out of The Tribune Advertising Column." The article stated that, after a fair, patient and charitable hearing, the Gimbel establishment, which knew that it had long been under suspicion by The Tribune, and had not only refused to clear its name, but had resorted to the privilege of continuing to advertise in The Tribune, had finally convicted itself in this unmistakable fashion that The Tribune had no alternative other than to believe that the special sales policy of Gimbel Brothers was a policy of inflated claims, of misrepresentation of values and the imposition upon the credulity of the shopping public; also that the store had been employing advertising space was not for sale in the Tribune for such purposes, and that that was why Gimbel's was out.

The article also went on to state that the final count in the indictment against the store was that it had been employing advertising space for the purpose of selling goods at inflated prices, and that that was why Gimbel's was out.

In addition to the usual technical defenses in libel suits, the answer of The Tribune and the other defendants pleads the truth of every defamatory charge made in the article against Gimbel Brothers. It goes with detail into many instances of actual pleading, calling "the reprehensible methods" followed in the conduct of the Milwaukee and Philadelphia stores of Gimbel Brothers by those who were the controlling and managing executive officers and directors of those houses, as well as of the Gimbel brothers house in New York.

An extended report of some of the most salient features of the allegations of the answer will be published in the Sunday edition of The Tribune to-morrow. The answer is an unusually long pleading and the trial of the action promises also to be unusually long and interesting. John H. Stanchfield is trial counsel for The Tribune Association and the other defendants.

**SHUBERT 46th St. 8th Ave. 8:15**